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UFO Capers Continue, Saucer Lands In Field

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The "mysterious" flying object that has become a familiar sight in the Shoals area still holds the No. 1 spot on the list of conversation subjects.

The most recent of spectacular "capers" of the object is the landing in the pasture of the Raleigh Nix home at Lexington. Phil Nix saw the object about 11:30 p.m., called his brother Mike, then his parents and sister.

"It was on the ground in the pasture, about 300 yards from the house and so bright that it almost hurt your eyes to look at it," Phil said. He said that it appeared to be "larger than a car, but smaller than a bus" and that his family watched it for sometime before it disappeared as though someone had turned a switch.

Phil said that the landing near their home was the fourth sighting of the object for him and his brother.

"We didn't believe it when we first heard the story about an object — maybe a UFO — being sighted in Lexington," Phil said.

He said that one night when he was driving home, he thought a car was following closely because of a bright light in the rear view mirror, but he discovered it to be the "object" and no other car was near.

An object that is apparently the same as the one seen at Lexington, has been spotted in various other sections, including Wheeler Dam and Cherokee. But it has been spotted most frequently at the Lexington garbage dump.

A Sheffield resident watched an object zigzag from the west to the east Friday night. She described it as being red and blue when it was first sighted, then appearing to be a bright light as it got further away.

Most observers say that the object "goes a short distance, hovers, then moves on for a short distance just as though someone had given it a shove, like a balloon when you hit it upward with the palm of your hand."

Among the persons who have reported seeing the object for the first time recently is Wilsey Mashburn publisher of a weekly newspaper, Suburban News.

In this week's edition of the newspaper, Mashburn writes:

"Last week I laughed when someone talked about the whatever-it-is, and said that I would have to see it to believe it. Well, Friday night of last week, I quit laughing for we were riding down the road, almost to Feppertown, when, lo and behold, there it was in living color..."

He also says, "Everybody has had their own idea of what the object is and after seeing it myself, I don't agree with any of them, especially the part about it being an airplane or helicopter, but I still will not make any comments on what I think it is for the simple reason that I haven't the faintest idea."

Most people have concluded that the object is nothing to be feared and some have made some jokes about it. A couple of students have decided it might be that other planets are bringing their garbage to earth for disposal.

stalled mysteriously, and the huge object was directly overhead. It was 60 feet long. He wanted to run, but was unable to move as they walked in slow motion toward him.

After questioning him one reached out and brushed his fingertips lightly over Sands' right hand. It seemed to free him from the immobility and he drove back to LVN.

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A Country Western performer, Johnny Sands, claims he talked to UFO creatures in a frightening encounter on a lonely desert road near Las Vegas, Nevada, and he passed his lie detector test.

Johnny Sands reported two "gray-skinned aliens used a strange force to render him immobile and then asked him a series of questions."

He described them as humanoid in appearance with small, close-set eyes. Instead of ears, he said they had vertical openings which pulsated like the gills of a fish.

He said the confrontation happened moments after he spotted a huge UFO with flashing lights while driving on a deserted road 15 miles S of Las Vegas. A mysterious force made his car stall, he said, and the two creatures approached him out of the darkness.

"I was scared to death," said Sands. "But I grew more calm as they talked to me and I realized they meant no harm."

Sands passed a polygraphy test following the incident. Examiner R. L. Nolen, of Las Vegas, said the test showed no evidence of deception and Sands was telling the truth in his answers to questions about the encounter.

Leo Sprinkle, a psychologist from the U of Wyoming, an investigator for APRO, witnessed the test.

Sands said the aliens were between five-foot-seven and five-foot-nine and weighed about 145 pounds. They were completely bald, had no facial hair, and stared at him through close-set black eyes with white pupils.

"Their voices had a hollow sound and their speech was slow, like a robot on TV." They spoke to him in English, but communicated with each other silently. He said they might have been 300 or 400 years old.

The meeting took place after 10 PM January 29th. He saw the flashing lights in the sky, his car

FLASH UFO's SIGHTED IN FLORIDA NEAR DAWN

A retired Navy man and former civilian worker at Cape Canaveral, Charled Heitmeyer of Key West, Fla., believes he can recognize and airplane or missile when he sees one.

But the three objects "hovering and bobbing" in the sky, then racing off into the clouds which he and his wife saw before dawn last January, were neither.

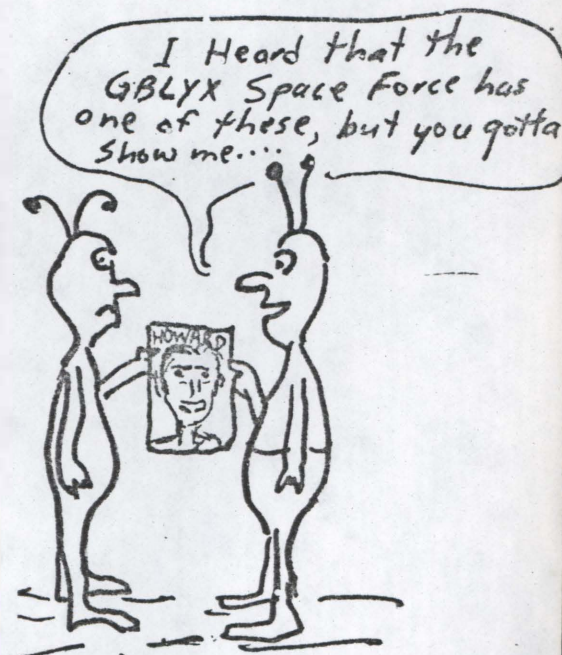
Heitmeyer described the objects as looking like "upside down soup bowls" with square lighted windows rimming the bottom and orange flames bathing them from underneath.

"At first they were hovering and bobbing, and then when moved out they were gone," he said.

Mrs. Heitmeyer said she observed them about three minutes before waking her husband.

Both said the objects moved slowly from SW to NE, then suddenly accelerated rapidly, spitting from formation and disappeared in clouds.

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